Abingdon Heritage Festival
14th – 22nd September
Abingdon 1919: Coming Home, Moving On
Celebrating a very important piece of film ....

The Civic Society exists to foster civic pride in Abingdon-on-Thames by promoting a lively interest in the civic life, heritage and environment of the town and its surroundings. Working with other community groups to organise events such as this Heritage Festival is an important part of that. More information about us is on www.abingdoncivicsociety.org.uk

Abingdon 1919: Coming Home, Moving On is a research project which seeks to provide an extensive network of knowledge surrounding the film made in the town centre in 1919, now in the collection of the Imperial War Museums. Our exhibition and other events may have sparked your interest, and if you wish to join our continuing project and help us uncover more interesting material about the town in 1919 please take a look at our legacy website www.cominghomemovingon.org.uk which will contain our project work and findings for the next five years at least.

This project is supported by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. We would like to thank all regular lottery players and encourage them to come and see the activities and events which their money has made possible. Our events are all free.

www.abingdonheritage.org.uk
Free Exhibition

In the former Superdrug shop (next to Poundland) in Bury Street.

One of Abingdon’s little known treasures is a fascinating film made in August 1919 as the town welcomed home the men who had fought in the Great War.

Were any of your family there on that day? Are their faces in the crowd captured on camera? Come in and tell us what you know.

Be a have-a-go historian! The film takes in all of the crowd as well as the parade and is an opportunity to watch the behaviour and body-language of people from 100 years ago. The exhibition encourages everyone to use the detail in the film and other evidence from the time to do some historical detective work and find out more about the lives and attitudes of local people in 1919.

Includes model of Abingdon station displayed by Oxford & District Model Railway Club.

Open all week
14th to 22nd September
Saturdays/weekdays: 10am – 4pm
Sunday 15th: 10am – 12 noon
Sunday 22nd: 10am – 3pm

Family Day
Sat 21st September
10.30am Family badge/flag-making workshop starts (Museum)
11.00am Showing of film and documentary about the film (Guildhall)
11.30am Abingdon Traditional Morris in Bury Street
11.50am Muster for Parade under tree in Bury Street
12.00 noon Re-enactment Parade down Bury Street - Join In!
12.15pm Brass Band music in Market Place
12.45pm Sample 1919 recipes at our food tent
1pm Family badge/flag-making workshop starts (Museum)
1.30pm Abingdon Traditional Morris in Market Place
3pm Dixieland music in Market Place

Heritage Properties open for free viewing

1. Guildhall, opposite Market Place, OX14 3HU, 21st & 22nd Sep 11am – 4pm
2. Abbey Buildings, Checker Walk, OX14 3UB, 18th & 19th Sep 2.30pm – 4.30pm, 22 Sep 2pm – 4.30pm
3. Former County Police Station, Bridge Street, OX14 3HN, 21st Sep 10am – 4pm
4. St Helen’s Church, West St Helen’s Street, OX14 3BS, 21st Sep 10am – 4pm
5. The Malthouse, 60 West St Helen’s Street, OX14 3EB, 21st Sep 10am – 4pm
6. Christ’s Hospital Hall, St Helen’s Churchyard, OX14 5EJ, 21st Sep 10am – 4pm
7. St Ethelwold’s House, 30 East St Helen’s Street, OX14 5EB, 21st Sep 10am – 4pm
8. Medieval Merchant’s House, 26a East St Helen’s Street, OX14 5EB, 21st Sep 10am – 4pm
9. County Hall Museum, Market Place, OX14 3HG, 21st Sep 10.30am – 3.30pm and 22nd Sep 10am – 4pm
10. 1 – 3 Ock Street, OX14 5AL, 21st Sep 10.30am – 3.30pm
11. Baptist Church, Ock Street OX14 5AG, Open 21st Sep times to be published on website
12. Trinity Church, Conduit Road, OX14 1DB, 21st Sep 10am – 4pm
13. Abingdon School Chapel, Park Road, OX14 1DE, 21st Sep 10.30am – 1pm

More detail on www.abingdonheritage.org.uk

Flower Festival in the Roysse Room
Fri-Sun 9.30am - 5.30pm